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Subject: MLPAComments: Initial Study Area

I believe that the initial study area of the central coast should be Pt. Ano Nuevo to Pt Conception for the following reasons:

1. This is **logically the best** way to split the state in thirds with the most self explanatory biogeographical boundries and spatial considerations.
2. Going farther **north includes entirely different** temperatures, currents, flora and fauna, fishery management, and other human activity.
Going farther **south includes entirely different** temperatures, currents, flora and fauna, fishery management, and other human activity.
3. The nearshore fishery needs improved regional non fishery dependant data collection for more accurate **stock assessments**. If a study area has a goal of better monitoring of the fishery resources the boundaries should consider the nearshore fishery management zones. These are the fisheries most directly impacted from reserves.
4. Ending the southern border somewhere between Pt Sur and Conception forces the **central coast to go thru this process twice** and we don't want to! It also excludes the defacto areas that should be attached to this area and not the southern region.

Thank you, Tom Hafer, President of the South-Central Trap Organization